



Innovative Online Hate Crime Training Course Launched Scholarships Available to Law Enforcement Officers

Auburn University Montgomery (AUM), in cooperation with the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), have launched a new approach to hate crime training – an online program that offers law enforcement officers college credit and continuing education credit, as well as FLETC recognition.

Completion of the course, "Introduction to Hate and Bias Crimes," earns one semester hour of junior/senior level undergraduate credit or ten Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Because AUM is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, credits may be transferable to other colleges and universities. Completion of the course also earns a certificate from FLETC.

The course was developed with the assistance of a National Advisory Board of law enforcement officers with decades of experience in providing hate and bias crimes training. It will require approximately 12-15 hours of online work. A computer with internet access is required. Students must log into the course site by March 31, 2003, and all work must be complete by May 5, 2003.

The cost of the course is \$118. The Southern Poverty Law Center will provide 50% scholarships for a select number of qualified law enforcement officers who enroll in the course. To be eligible for a scholarship, an officer must submit (1) a letter from his or her supervisor, indicating that the agency is interested having the officer take the online course, and (2) a completed copy of the attached AUM transient student form.

Documents should be sent to Ms. Laurie Wood, Southern Poverty Law Center, 403 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104. Questions about the course may be directed to Ms. Wood at 334-956-8200 (e-mail laurie@splcenter.org) or to Professor Robert Van Der Velde at 334-244-3694 (e-mail rvanderv@mail.aum.edu). Persons not eligible or interested in a scholarship need only submit the AUM transient student form. The deadline for registration is **Friday, March 7, 2003**.

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TRANSIENT STUDENT FORM

Permission to enroll in courses on a TRANSIENT basis is granted for ONE SEMESTER ONLY. If you wish to transfer permanently to AUM, it will be necessary to complete an Application for Admission and submit official transcripts for this purpose. TRANSIENT STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS ON THE DAY OF FINAL REGISTRATION. **Please type.**

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City, State, and Zip) (Phone #)

E-mail Address (required) _____

*Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ *Gender _____

*Ethnicity _____ *Required for Federal Reporting purposes only.

Current College of Enrollment _____ N/A

When do you wish to enroll at AUM? _____ **Spring 2003 – 2d half semester**

Have you ever attended AUM before? _____ If yes, when?

TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRAR OF COLLEGE WHERE CURRENTLY ENROLLED

I certify that the above student is in good standing and is eligible to return.

Date 01/08/03 Signature of Registrar ____/s/Robert J. Van Der Velde

TO BE COMPLETED BY ADVISOR WHERE STUDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED

Course(s) to be taken at AUM:

Course	Credit Hours
<u>N/A</u>	

Date N/A Signature of Advisor N/A
